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SUBJ COMPUTER COMMUNICATIONS: CONSULTATION REQUEST

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1. FOLLOWING IS TEXT OF OCTOBER 29 GOC REPLY (NOTE ECT-1640)
TO US NOTE OF APRIL 17 REQUESTING CONSULTATIONS ON COMPUTER/
COMMUNICATIONS (COMPLIMENTARY PARAGRAPHS OMITTED). REPLY WAS
DELIVERED TO ECON COUNSELOR ON OCTOBER 30 BY MISS P.A. MCDOUGALL,
DIRECTOR GENERAL, BUREAU OF ECONOMIC AND SCIENTIFIC AFFAIRS,
EXTAFF.

2. BEGIN TEXT. AS THE EMBASSY IS AWARE, THE GOVERNMENT
OF CANADA HAS PREPARED A DISCUSSION PAPER OF BROAD PRINCIPLES
WHICH MIGHT GUIDE THE DEVELOPMENT OF THE CANADIAN COMPUTER
COMMUNICATIONS INDUSTRIES, AND IS ENGAGED IN A PROCESS OF
DEFINITION INTENDED TO LEAD TO THE APPROPRIATE APPLICATION
OF THESE PRINCIPLES.

THE PROCESS OF DEFINITION IS BEING UNDERTAKEN IN CONSULTATION
WITH ALL INTERESTED PARTIES AND IS AN ONGOING ONE.

THE DEPARTMENT OF EXTERNAL AFFAIRS NOTES THE INTEREST
OF THE GOVERNMENT OF THE UNITED STATES OF AMERICA IN THE
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FUTURE DEVELOPMENT OF THE COMPUTER COMMUNICATIONS INDUSTRIES

AND WOULD BE PLEASED TO ARRANGE A MEETING AT WHICH THE GREEN PAPER ON COMPUTER COMMUNICATIONS POLICY AND OTHER ISSUES RELATED SPECIFICALLY TO THIS SUBJECT COULD BE DISCUSSED. SUCH A MEETING COULD PROVIDE A VALUABLE OPPORTUNITY FOR OFFICIALS FROM BOTH COUNTRIES TO EXCHANGE VIEWS REGARDING THE FUTURE DEVELOPMENT OF THESE IMPORTANT INDUSTRIES. THE CANADIAN AUTHORITIES ALSO WOULD ENVISAGE A GENERAL DISCUSSION ON A BROAD RANGE OF ISSUES OF MUTUAL CONCERN TO THE UNITED STATES AND CANADA. THE CANADIAN AUTHORITIES WOULD BE PARTICULARLY INTERESTED IN THE DIRECTION AND CONTEMPLATED CHANGES OF U.S. POLICY IN COMPUTER COMMUNICATIONS. THEY WILL HAVE A NUMBER OF QUESTIONS FOR U.S. OFFICIALS ON, FOR EXAMPLE: THE VIEWS OF THE U.S. GOVERNMENT REGARDING THE STRUCTURE OF THE COMPUTER AND COMMUNICATIONS INDUSTRIES IN THE UNITED STATES; THE NATURE OF ANY MEASURES THE U.S. GOVERNMENT IS CONSIDERING WITH RESPECT TO THE OPERATION OF DATA BANKS, WHETHER PUBLIC OR PRIVATE; AND U.S. GOVERNMENT MEASURES IN THE COMPUTER COMMUNICATIONS GOVERNMENT PROCUREMENT AREA, ETC. WHILE THE TIMING FOR A MEETING OF OFFICIALS OF BOTH GOVERNMENTS TO DISCUSS THE ABOVE MATTERS IS FLEXIBLE, U.S. OFFICIALS MIGHT PREFER TO COME TO OTTAWA IN LATE FEBRUARY OR EARLY MARCH 1975, AFTER THE SCHEDULED CONFERENCE ON COMPUTER AND TELECOMMUNICATION POLICY UNDER THE AUSPICES OF THE OECD TO BE HELD IN PARIS FEBRUARY 4-6, 1975. THAT CONFERENCE WILL BE CONCERNED WITH THE POLICY ISSUES OF COMPUTER/TELECOMMUNICATIONS INTERACTION AND WILL INVOLVE SENIOR OFFICIALS FROM ALL MEMBER COUNTRIES. THE PROCEEDINGS OF THE CONFERENCE COULD PROVIDE VALUABLE BACKGROUND INFORMATION FOR THE PROPOSED BILATERAL DISCUSSIONS BETWEEN OUR TWO COUNTRIES. END TEXT.

3. AFTER DELIVERING REPLY, MISS MCDUGALL ORALLY EMPHASIZED GOC FLEXIBILITY WITH RESPECT TO BOTH TIME AND PLACE OF CONSULTATIONS. SHE DREW PARTICULAR ATTENTION TO REFERENCE TO FORTHCOMING FEBRUARY OECD CONFERENCE AND INDICATED THAT THERE WAS DIFFERENCE OF OPINION AMONG CANADIAN OFFICIALS AS TO WHETHER USG/GOC SESSION MIGHT BEST TAKE PLACE BEFORE OR AFTER THAT CONFERENCE. SHE REITERATED THAT GOC WAS PREPARED TO BE FLEXIBLE AND IMPLIED THAT A COUNTERPROPOSAL FROM USG WOULD HAVE A GOOD CHANCE OF ACCEPTANCE. RE PLACE, MISS MCDUGALL SAID GOC LEANS TOWARD OTTAWA BECAUSE GOC EXPERTS WOULD BE MORE READILY AVAILABLE BUT RECOGNIZES THAT REVERSE IS TRUE FOR USG AND COULD LIMITED OFFICIAL USE

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AGREE ON WASHINGTON, IF USG PREFERS.

4. MISS MCDUGALL INDICATED THAT EMBASSY COULD EXPECT TO RECEIVE "WITHIN NEXT FEW WEEKS" AN INFORMAL AMPLIFICATION OF QUESTIONS GOC WOULD WISH TO RAISE WITH USDEL, SOME OF WHICH WERE MENTIONED IN GENERAL TERMS IN GOC NOTE. SHE GAVE ORALLY--FROM PREPARED

NOTES--FOLLOWING AS EXAMPLES OF THE TYPE OF THINGS
IN MIND:

(A) BANKRUPTCY QUESTIONS--WHETHER USG IS CONSIDERING
ANY LEGISLATIVE PROTECTION REGARDING DATA ON INDIVIDUALS
(SOME OF WHOM MAY BE CANADIAN) HELD IN DATA BANKS BY
BANKRUPT US FIRMS.

(B) INDUSTRIAL STRUCTURE--WHETHER USG MAY BE CONSIDERING
ANY PROPOSALS FOR RESTRUCTURING COMPUTER/COMMUNICATIONS
INDUSTRY DOMESTICALLY AND, IF SO, WHAT ATTENTION WAS
BEING PAID TO POSSIBLE EFFECTS THIS WOULD HAVE ON
OPERATIONS IN CANADA OF FIRMS INVOLVED.

WE ATTEMPTED TO GET FURTHER ELUCIDATION OF RESTRUCTURING
ISSUE BY ASKING IF IT WAS ANTI-TRUST ACTIONS WHICH GOC
HAD IN MIND. MISS MCDUGALL ACKNOWLEDGED ONLY THAT ANTI-
TRUST WAS ONE OF SEVERAL POSSIBLE AREAS TO WHICH THIS
EXAMPLE MIGHT APPLY.

5. COMMENT: EMBASSY IS NOT AWARE OF POSSIBLE
RELEVANCE OF OECD FEBRUARY CONFERENCE TO OUR BILATERAL
INTERESTS WITH CANADA IN THIS AREA. HOWEVER, WE
BELIEVE THAT CANDEL TO OECD CONFERENCE LIKELY BE
DOMINATED BY DEPARTMENT OF COMMUNICATIONS INTERESTS
WHILE USG CONCERNS IN THIS AREA APPEAR TO RELATE
PRIMARILY TO SUCH MATTERS AS TRADE AND INVESTMENT
WHICH ARE MORE THE RESPONSIBILITY OF DEPARTMENT OF
INDUSTRY, TRADE AND COMMERCE AND OTHER AGENCIES THAN
OF DOC. IN ANY EVENT OECD CONFERENCE WILL NOT TAKE
PLACE UNTIL THREE MONTHS HENCE AND WE BELIEVE IT WOULD
BE ADVANTAGEOUS TO COMMENCE BILATERAL CONSULTATIONS
ON MATTERS OF CONCERN TO US AS PROMPTLY AS POSSIBLE AND
NOT RUN RISK OF GETTING BILATERAL ISSUES CONFUSED BY
MULTILATERAL ONES. ACCORDINGLY, AND ON ASSUMPTION USG
PREPARATIONS FOR CONSULTATIONS ARE IN ADVANCED STAGE
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OF READINESS, EMBASSY RECOMMENDS WASHINGTON CONSIDER
PROPOSING SPECIFIC NEAR DATE FOR INITIATION OF
CONSULTATIONS.
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